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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED AUGUST 27 RECEIVED FROM DR. ISRAEL FOR RUSSELL TRAIN. ALONG WITH REPLY EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT TO ISRAEL FROM TRAIN.

2. DEAR RUSSELL: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER AND THE WONDERFUL PHOTOGRAPHS. I TAKE THIS OCCASION TO EXPRESS AGAIN SINCERE APPRECIATION TO YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES FOR EXCELLENT ORGANIZATION OF OUR VISIT AND HOSPITALITY. ACADEMICIAN FEDOROV AND I HAVE REVIEWED THE QUESTION OF DATES FOR THE SECOND MEETING OF OUR JOINT COMMITTEE AND, CONSIDERING YOUR REMARKS, CONCLUDED THAT NOVEMBER 13-16 WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT FOR BOTH SIDES.

3. A FEW WORDS ABOUT YOUR QUESTION AS TO THE SELENGA (CELLULOSE) FACTORY. AS THE MINISTRY OF THE CELLULOSE-PAPER INDUSTRY HAS COMMUNICATED, THE SELENGA CELLULOSE-PACKAGING COMBINE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF PACKAGING CARTONS IS NOW IN THE TESTING PERIOD. THE EFFLUENT CLEANSING PROCESS OF THE COMBINE INCLUDES BIOLOGICAL, CHEMICAL AND MECHANICAL STEPS OF CLEANSING AND AERATION. THIS EQUIPMENT IS ANALOGOUS IN QUALITY TO THE CLEANUP EQUIPMENT AT THE BAIKALSK CELLULOSE PLANT. MOREOVER, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIFIC CHARACTER OF THE END PRODUCT (CARTONS FOR PACKAGING), THE COMBINE'S OUTFLOW OF POLLUTANTS INTO THE SELENGA RIVER

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WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN THE BAIKALSK FACTORY.
 THE OUTFLOW OF EFFLUENT DRAINAGE INTO THE SELENGA RIVER
 WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED VIA DEEP AND DISPERSED OUTLETS.
 UNDOUBTEDLY ALL OF THIS WILL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT
 PROTECTION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. SINCERELY, Y.A. ISRAEL.

4. REPLY TO ISRAEL FROM RUSSELL E. TRAIN, ADMINISTRATOR,
 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY: DEAR YURI: THANK
 YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 27, INCLUDING THE INFORMATION
 ABOUT THE SELENGA COMBINE. WE STILL RECALL OUR OWN VISIT
 TO LAKE BAIKAL WITH GREAT PLEASURE.

5. I WAS GLAD TO GET YOUR CONFIRMATION OF THE DATES
 NOVEMBER 13-16 FOR OUR SECOND JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING.
 ALTHOUGH TAKING UP THE DUTIES OF EPA ADMINISTRATOR
 WILL KEEP ME SUFFICIENTLY BUSY, AS MY FIRST FEW DAYS IN
 OFFICE HAVE ALREADY SHOWN, I RETAIN GREAT INTEREST IN OUR
 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AND LOOK FORWARD WITH PLEASURE TO
 OUR MEETING IN NOVEMBER.

6. JACK PERRY WILL BE IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH YOU AND YOUR
 COLLEAGUES ON SPECIFIC PLANS FOR THE MEETING, BUT I WISH
 TO RAISE TWO QUESTIONS NOW. FIRST, WE WOULD LIKE YOUR
 VIEWS AS TO THE REPORT THE JOINT COMMITTEE SHOULD ISSUE
 ON THE FIRST YEAR'S WORK: EXACTLY WHAT FORMAT DO YOU
 ENVISAGE FOR THIS REPORT? WE ARE ASKING OUR PROJECT
 CHAIRMAN TO START PREPARING THEIR REPORTS, AND WANT
 TO KNOW IF YOU PREFER SEPARATE REPORTS BY THE SOVIET
 AND US CHAIRMEN, OR IF YOU WISH TO EDIT THE REPORTS AHEAD
 OF TIME IN ORDER TO PRODUCE A JOINT PRODUCT TO BE ISSUED
 AT OR AFTER THE MEETING. SECOND, WE ARE STARTING TO
 PLAN THE POST-MEETING TRIP FOR ACADEMICIAN FEDOROV, AND
 WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF HE HAS ANY SPECIFIC REQUESTS
 ABOUT PLACES OR TYPES OF INSTALLATIONS HE WOULD
 LIKE TO VISIT. IF YOU COULD PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON THESE
 TWO POINTS THROUGH OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW, IT WOULD HELP
 US WITH OUR PLANNING. SINCERELY, TRAIN. RUSH

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